The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, no. It is not my concern."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), are the Government taking any action against men who are practising rifle shooting in the precincts of the harbour without any special permission ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR : " We are considering the question, Sir."

Ill-treatment of the undertrial prisoners in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case.

*854-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 471, answered on 10th October 1928, regarding the ill-treatment of the undertrial prisoners in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case—

(a) whether the Government have received the report from the District Magistrate, Trichinopoly ;

(b) if the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will lay a copy of the report on the table ; and

(c) the action the Government have taken on the report ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The facts reported by the District Magistrate relating to the allegations referred to in Mr. R. N. Ramaswami Ayyangar's letter, dated 16th September 1928, are as follows :—

(1) The motor bus which the District Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, had engaged for emergencies during the strike and for some weeks afterwards had been returned to the bus company. He therefore ordered that the accused should walk to the Court (distance about 3 miles) as he saw no reason to the contrary when the doctor had certified them all fit to do so.

(2) The existing rules lay down that all able-bodied prisoners should be required to walk to the Court. The six accused who complained of inability to walk had already been examined by the District Medical Officer and found fit to walk.

(c) The Government have since ordered that the prisoners should be conveyed to the Court in motor buses.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it the absence of a bus or on account of the certificate of the doctor as to the fitness of the prisoners that influenced the Government in taking the action they did ? I am asking with reference to the answer to clause (b) (1), Sir."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government have now ordered a bus to be provided."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" What made the Government order the bus in spite of the certificate of the doctor ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Convenience of the prisoners."